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Group I, Species 2, claims 7-12; Group II, Species 1 claims 13-16; and Group II, Species 2 claims 17-20 are to be held in abeyance for preparation of a divisional application in the event reconsideration is denied. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the requirement for restriction and that the requirement be removed.

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